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it the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I further certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, application guidelines and instructions, the general provisions and assurances, debarment and suspension certification, lobbying certification requirements, special provisions and assurances, and the schedules attached as applicable. It is understood by the applicant that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by the Agency or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement.

Authorized Official:

| First name | |
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| Richard | |
| Telephone # | |

M.I. Last name Marquez

President/CEO

214-944-1985

Email address rmarquez@texanscan.org

FAX# (214) 946-4427

Signature (blue ink preferred)

Date signed

April 24, 2018

| Schedule #1—Genera | I Information |
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| County-district number or vendor ID: 057804 | Amendment # (for amendments only): |
| Part 3: Schedules Required for New or Amended Applications | |

An X in the "New" column indicates a required schedule that must be submitted as part of any new application. The applicant must mark the "New" checkbox for each additional schedule submitted to complete the application. For amended applications, the applicant must mark the "Amended" checkbox for each schedule being submitted as part of the amendment.

| Schedule | Schedule Name | Applicat | Application Type | |
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| # | | New | Amended | |
| 1 | General Information | X | \boxtimes | |
| 2 | Required Attachments and Provisions and Assurances | | N/A | |
| 3 | Certification of Shared Services | | | |
| 4 | Request for Amendment | N/A | | |
| 5 | Program Executive Summary | | | |
| 6 | Program Budget Summary | | | |
| 7 | Payroll Costs (6100) | See | | |
| 8 | Professional and Contracted Services (6200) | Important | | |
| 9 | Supplies and Materials (6300) | Note For | | |
| 10 | Other Operating Costs (6400) | Competitive | | |
| 11 | Capital Outlay (6600) | Grants* | H | |
| 14 | Management Plan | X | | |
| 16 | Responses to Statutory Requirements | | - H | |
| 17 | Responses to TEA Requirements | | | |
| 18 | Equitable Access and Participation | | | |
| 19 | Private Nonprofit School Participation | | - - | |
| 21 | Program Information Addendum | | N/A | |

*IMPORTANT NOTE FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS: Schedules #7, #8, #9, #10 and #11 are required schedules if any dollar amount is entered for the corresponding class/object code on Schedule #6—Program Budget Summary. For example, if any dollar amount is budgeted for class/object code 6100 on Schedule #6—Program Budget Summary, then Schedule #7—Payroll Costs (6100) is required. If it is either blank or missing from the application, the application will be disqualified.

| Part 4: Single Audit Compliance for IHEs and Nonprofit Organization | |
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| INSTRUCTIONS: This part of Schedule #1 is required only for colleges, universit | ies, and nonprofit organizations (other than open- |
| enrollment charter schools) | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |
| Enter the start and end dates of your fiscal year in Section 1. | |
| In Section 2, check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not your organizati | on is included in the annual statewide single audit |
| Public IHEs are generally included, and nonprofit organizations are generally not | included. |
| Section 1: Applicant Organization | 's Fiscal Year |
| | (MM/DD): |
| Section 2: Applicant Organizations and the Tex | cas Statewide Single Audit |
| Yes: No: | |
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Schedule #2—Required Attachments and Provisions and Assurances County-district number or vendor ID: 057804 Part 1: Required Attachments No program-related or fiscal-related attachments are required to be submitted with this grant application. However, please note that nonprofit organizations, excluding ISDs and open-enrollment charter schools, will be required to submit proof of nonprofit status (see General and Fiscal Guidelines, Required Fiscal-Related Attachments, for details) prior to TEA issuing a grant award.

Part 2: Acceptance and Compliance

By marking an X in each of the boxes below, the authorized official who signs Schedule #1—General Information certifies his or her acceptance of and compliance with all of the following guidelines, provisions, and assurances.

Note that provisions and assurances specific to this program are listed separately, in Part 3 of this schedule, and

require a separate certification.

| X | Acceptance and Compliance |
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| \boxtimes | I certify my acceptance of and compliance with the General and Fiscal Guidelines. |
| \boxtimes | I certify my acceptance of and compliance with the program guidelines for this grant. |
| \boxtimes | I certify my acceptance of and compliance with all General Provisions and Assurances requirements. |
| \boxtimes | I certify that I am not debarred or suspended. I also certify my acceptance of and compliance with all Debarment and Suspension Certification requirements. |
| | I certify that this organization does not spend federal appropriated funds for lobbying activities and certify my acceptance of and compliance with all <u>Lobbying Certification</u> requirements. |
| \boxtimes | I certify my acceptance of and compliance with No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Provisions and Assurances requirements. |
| \boxtimes | I certify my acceptance of and compliance with Every Student Succeeds Act Provisions and Assurances requirements. |

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| County-district number or vendor ID: 057804 | Amendment # (for amendments only): |
| Part 3: Program-Specific Provisions and Assurances | |

| | I certify my acceptance of and compliance with all program-specific provisions and assurances listed below. |
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| # | Provision/Assurance |
| 1. | The applicant provides assurance that program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this grant will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy. |
| 2. | The applicant provides assurance that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public. |
| 3. | The program will take place in a safe facility that is properly equipped and accessible to participants and family members. |
| 4. | The proposed program was developed, and will be carried out, in active collaboration with the schools that participating students attend, including through the sharing of relevant data among the schools, all participants of the eligible entity, and any partnership entities in compliance with applicable laws relating to privacy and confidentiality and in alignment with the challenging state academic standards and any local academic standards. |
| 5. | The program will target students who primarily attend schools eligible for schoolwide programs under ESEA as amended by Section 1114, and the families of such students. |
| 6. | Applicants that receive priority points for serving: 1) students in schools implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities under ESEA as amended, Section 1111(d) and other schools determined by the local educational agency to be in need of intervention and support and 2) students who may be at risk for academic failure, dropping out of school, involvement in criminal or delinquent activities or who lack strong positive role models assure that they will target these students. |
| 7. | The community has been given notice of an intent to apply and that the application and any waiver request will be available for public review after submission of the application. |
| 8. | The applicant will adhere to the level of services in the approved application and in the agreed-upon center operation schedules and will provide those services to eligible students through this and all continuation and renewal grant periods, as applicable. Applicant acknowledges that proposed amendments that reduce the level of services to below the Year 1 awarded application will be approved only in extreme or unusual circumstances and that failure to adhere to service levels and student targets will result in reduced funding during the subsequent continuation grant period. Grant funds remaining unexpended at the end of the expenditure reporting period for the grant award will not be made available by TEA to supplement continuation grant awards. |
| 9. | Services for students and families will begin no earlier than the grant start date of August 1, 2018 and no later than September 4, 2018. |

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| Part | 3: Program-Specific Provisions and Assurances |
| | The applicant will adhere to a TEA-approved schedule that meets or exceeds program service requirements at each center and that provides a consistent and dependable schedule of weekly activities for all students enrolled. The applicant agrees to meet with TEA or its contractors after awards are announced and before the start date of the program to develop an approvable operation calendar for each center. |
| 10. | A minimum of 35 weeks per year across all terms, including summer. TEA will count only the weeks in which a center offered the minimum number of hours-per-week toward the 35-week total. Make-up hours will be credited. The week runs from Sunday through Saturday. A minimum of five days per week for the fall and spring terms. A minimum of 15 hours per week (applicants should not propose to offer more than 20 hours of programming |
| | per week). Note: Transportation time that exceeds 30 minutes per-day shall not be counted towards minimum hours-per-week of programming. A minimum of six weeks and four hours per day, four days per week during the summer term. Continuous weeks are not required. Grantees may offer four weeks of summer programming during the grant period that ends July 31, 2019, but if approved, the grantee must offer two weeks of summer programming in the subsequent continuation period between August 1, 2019, and the first student attendance day for the 2019–2020 school year. |
| | Hours dedicated to program activities for adult family members will not count toward student programming. |
| 11. | Services will be provided at no cost to participants. Grantees are prohibited from collecting fees, including late pickup fees or any other fee. |
| 12. | Activities will be supervised at all times by qualified staff at adult to student ratios that meet or exceed TEC Chapter 25, Subchapter D requirements or other state required ratios as applicable. |
| 13. | Center-level activities will be a minimum of 45 consecutive minutes in length and planned for each hour that a center is operating. Activities will be intentionally designed to address student needs and student voice, aligned with state standards and developed using a planning tool such as the Texas ACE© Activity/Unit and Lesson Plan Worksheet. Activities will reflect each of the following four components during each term: academic assistance, academic enrichment, family and parental support, and college and workforce readiness (grades 9-12 only). |
| 14. | Academic, academic enrichment, accelerated learning, and tutoring activities will align with the regular school day program and state standards. Enrichment activities will enhance the academic-related activities of the regular day and/or be aligned with a documented student or campus need. |
| 15. | All activities will occur at an approved center or, on a limited and pre-approved basis, at an adjunct site or during an approved field trip. Activities at a non-approved location, such as a feeder school, are unallowable and will not be charged to the grant. |
| 16. | Grantee will offer families of students served by the program opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education and opportunities for literacy and related educational development. Family activities will be designed to meet the identified needs of each center's families and students; the needs of working families will be specifically addressed. Activities will be ongoing and consistently available throughout each term. The number of family members served will be proportional to the targeted number of students. |
| 17. | All required staff positions will regularly participate in training and other opportunities offered by the Texas ACE© program. In addition, the grantee will regularly provide program-specific in-person training to center-level staff and will document the content and attendance of training events. |
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| Part | 3: Program-Specific Provisions and Assurances | | | | | |
| 18. | Grantee assures that it will regularly engage a group of stakeholders advisory council charged with providing continuous feedback and invand program quality, evaluate program effectiveness, and inform open will be diverse and qualified to support efforts to increase quality and | olvement to increase community awareness erations and sustainability plans. Membership | | | | |
| 19. | The grantee will cooperate with TEA and its contractors in conducting state-required activities, including but not limited to program implementation monitoring, statewide evaluation, compliance, technical assistance, and capacity building. | | | | | |
| 20. | Local grant programs will include the Texas ACE© logo in all outread grantee will comply with Texas ACE© branding guidelines. | ch and communication materials and the | | | | |
| 21. | The applicant agrees to submit required data for state program evaluation, compliance monitoring, and federal reporting in the format and timeline provided by TEA. Grantee agrees to submit required logic models, sustainability plans, program evaluation reports, and any other required reports or products in accordance with the format provided by TEA. | | | | | |
| 22. | Grantee will adhere to the Texas 21st Century Student Tracking (TX21st) system data reporting requirements Grantee Profile, Funding, Contacts, Partner, Center Profiles, Center Contacts, Center Operations, Feeder Schools, Activities, and Schedule data will be entered in August and will be updated as changes in any of the data occur. Center Operations data will be updated at the beginning of each term. Data entered in the system must support the approved application and operating schedule. • Participant and enrollment data will be entered in August or September, depending on the center schedule. • Attendance data will be entered daily or weekly. • Exception reports and data corrections will be completed and reviewed by the project director • Grantee will coordinate with the school district to collect and enter school day attendance and grades data into TX21st. | | | | | |
| 23. | The grantee agrees to conduct annual local program evaluation at the following objective measures: school day attendance, core course gadvancement to the next grade level, high school graduation rates, at The results of the local evaluation will be used to refine, improve, and made available to the public upon request, with public notice of such | grades, mandatory discipline referrals, on-time and high school student career competencies. d strengthen the local program and will be | | | | |
| 24. | Applicant will comply with any program requirements written elsewhore | ere in this document. | | | | |
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Schedule #3—Certification of Shared Services

County-district number or vendor ID: 057-804

Amendment # (for amendments only):

I, as one of the below member entity authorized officials, certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete, that the entity that I represent has authorized me to file this application, and that such authorization action is recorded in the minutes of the local agency's board meeting.

The participating or intermediate education agency named has been designated as the administrative and fiscal agent for this project and is authorized to receive and expend funds for the conduct of this project. The fiscal agent is accountable for all shared services arrangement (SSA) activities and is therefore responsible for ensuring that all funds including payments to members of SSAs are expended in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

All participating agencies have entered into a written SSA agreement that describes the responsibilities of the fiscal agent and SSA members, including the refund liability that may result from on-site monitoring or audits and the final disposition of equipment, facilities, and materials purchased for this project from funds specified below.

It is understood that the fiscal agent is responsible for the refund for any exceptions taken as a result of on-site monitoring or audits; however, based upon the SSA agreement, which must be on file with the fiscal agent for review, the fiscal agent may have recourse to the member agencies where the discrepancy(ies) occurred.

Any additional funds that result from an increase will not require additional signatures. Each member identified below acknowledges accountability for the requirements contained in the provisions and assurances listed in Schedule #2, Parts 2 and 3, as applicable. Each member entity certifies its agreement to participate in this SSA, as stated throughout this grant application.

| # | County-District # and Authorized Official Name and Signature | | Telephone Number and Email Address | Funding Amount |
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| Fisc | cal Agent | | | 3. |
| 1. | County-District # 057-804 | James Ponze | (214) 944-1985 | #450 500 |
| ۲. | Dallas Can Academy | Sono | jponce@texanscan.org | \$158,500 |
| Mer | nber Districts | | | |
| | County-District #057-804 | Fernando Vadillo | (214) 824-4226 | |
| 2. | Dallas Can Academy, Ross Avenue | Msu | fvadillo@texanscan.org | \$177,716 |
| | County-District #057-804 | Faustino Rivas | (214) 943-2244 | |
| 3. | Dallas Can Academy, Oak Cliff | J. Ru | frivas@texanscan.org | \$177,716 |
| | County-District #057-804 | Amparo Hakemack | (972) 243-2178 | |
| 4. | Dallas Can Academy, Farmers Branch | Lun Jalamid | ahaøkemack@texanscan. org | \$159,854 |
| | County-District #057-804 | Mene Kephera | (214) 371-6226 | |
| 5. | Dallas Can Academy, Pleasant Grove | Myon | mkephera@texanscan.org | \$177,716 |
| | County-District #057-804 | Rodrey Milliner | (972) 228-4226 | |
| 6. | Dallas Can Academy, Grant East | R-heli | rmilliner@texanscan.org | \$159,854 |
| 7. | County-District #057-804 | Daniel Johnson | (972) 441-7202 | C150 054 |
| | Garland Can Academy | Wella | djohnson@texanscan.org | - \$159,854 |

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| # | County-District # and Name | Authorized Official Name and Signature | Telephone Number and Email Address | Funding Amount |
| Mei | mber Districts | | | |
| | County-District #057-804 | William Arevalo | (817) 735-1515 | |
| 8. | Fort Worth Can Academy, Lancaser Avenue | Wilderdo | warevalo@texanscan.org | \$159,854 |
| | County-District #057-804 | Ku-Masi Lewis | (817) 531-3223 | |
| 9 | Fort Worth Can Academy, Westcreek | Punao Plub | klewis@texanscan.org | \$168,431 |
| 10. | County-District # | Name | Telephone number | |
| 10. | County-District Name | | Email address | Funding amount |
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| 10. | County-District Name | | Email address | Funding amount |
| 17. | County-District # | Name | Telephone number | E |
| 17. | County-District Name | | Email address | Funding amount |
| 18. | County-District # | Name | Telephone number | F., |
| 10. | County-District Name | | Email address | Funding amount |
| 19. | County-District # | Name | Telephone number | E dia |
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Schedule #5—Program Executive Summary

County-district number or vendor ID: 057804

Amendment # (for amendments only):

Provide a brief overview of the program you plan to deliver. Refer to the instructions for a description of the requested elements of the summary. Response is limited to space provided, front side only, font size no smaller than 10 point Arial. Texans Can Academies (Texans Can), a charter system/LEA, in partnership with Dallas County and Tarrant County

Texans Can Academies (Texans Can), a charter system/LEA, in partnership with Dallas County and Tarrant County Community Colleges, is proposing to implement the Project Start² (Students and Teachers Afterschool Reinforcing Teaching Together) afterschool program. Texans Can operates a unique network of 13 high-need charter high-schools serving the most at-risk 9th - 12th grade students in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, and San Antonio, Project Services: Texans Can will establish 8 centers in Dallas, Garland and Fort Worth which will collectively serve a total of 975 high-need 9-12th grade students (students in most need of academic assistance) and 350 parents annually. During Fall 2018/Spring 2019, Project Start2 will operate for 29 weeks, 15 hours/week to provide after-school (Mon-Thurs) and weekend (Saturday) instruction, academic assistance, enrichment, family and parental support, and college and workforce readiness activities. Project Start² will also operate a 6-week Summer Learning Institute, providing engaging learning and enrichment activities 4 hours/day, 4 days/week. Needs Assessment Process. A comprehensive assessment was conducted to prioritize campuses most in need of 21st CCLC resources. The assessment was led by the Chief of Schools. ACE Project Director, and evaluator, and supported by Texans Can leaders (President/CEO, Instructional Specialists, Principals, etc.) and included the engagement of key community stakeholders and partners. This team will work collaboratively throughout the duration of the project, at no cost to the grant, to determine if and how the assessment process may need to be refined. Need: The proposed 8 centers are at significant risk with all campuses eligible for Title I Section 1114, two centers designated as priority schools, and one designated a focus school. Texans Can's students include: 88.2% Economically Disadvantaged; 24% Limited English Proficient; and an astounding 95.5% at-risk (TAPR 2016-17). Their Class of 2016 had a dropout rate of 22.6% compared to 6.2% for Texas while only 50.9% of Texans Can students graduated (4 years) compared to 89.1% (Texas). Benefits: Through Project Start2 students in most need of academic assistance will benefit from after school, weekend, and summer activities balanced across Texas 21st CCLC components (Academic Assistance, Enrichment, Family/Parent Support Services, College and Workforce Readiness). Activities will include: engaging evidence-based after school academic supports and enrichment activities; Saturday Academies; STEM learning; Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL); positive youth development; college and career readiness; and a Summer Learning Institute. All activities will incorporate evidence-based curricula and academic interventions aligned with TEKS and STAAR and will reinforce students' regular academic program. Alignment to Texas 21st CCLC Goals: Project Start² is designed to meet Texas 21st CCLC goals to assist students in meeting state and local academic achievement standards and to help students graduate ready for college and career. In alignment with Texas ACE objectives, Project Start² will provide an accessible, engaging afterschool program which improves students' academic performance, school day attendance, positive behavior, promotion rates, and graduation rates. Management Plan: Texans Can, as the lead and fiscal agent, will maintain responsibility of administering and managing the grant and will ensure the program receives consistent, high-quality management and oversight throughout the grant. The Project Director, supported by the Chief of Schools, will coordinate and monitor all activities and ensure the project assists in meeting project goals. The Project Director will supervise Site Coordinators and Family Engagement Specialist and will coordinate efforts with partners Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC to ensure services are delivered as proposed. The Project Director will regularly communicate project status towards meeting program goals and objectives with the Chief of Schools, President/CEO, and campus principals and will gather feedback for program improvements. Project Evaluation: An independent evaluator will conduct a formative and summative evaluation to measure progress in defined areas. Evaluation processes follow those outlined in the Texas ACE Blueprint. Formative evaluation will focus on addressing whether or not project activities are being implemented as planned and whether the project is making progress toward achieving Texas ACE objectives. Summative evaluation will determine whether or not Project Start² brings about positive impacts such a reduction in youth disciplinary incidents; increased academic student performance; increased parental involvement, etc. The evaluator will analyze data on a quarterly basis to assess program strengths and weaknesses, and recommend program modifications to enhance services, as needed. Budget Development: Texans Can developed the budget in accordance with 21st CCLC Program Guidelines. The budget includes reasonable funding necessary to meet program objectives and student service targets. Texas 21st CCLC funds will supplement, not supplant, programs and services provided with local or state funds. Statutory Requirements: Texans Can's application completely and accurately addresses all statutory requirements (Schedule #16) and TEA requirements (Schedule #17) as detailed in respective schedules. Ongoing Commitment: Texans Can and partners are committed to ensuring the success of this initiative and the goals of the ACE program. Texans Can will coordinate federal, state, and local programs to make effective use of public resources. To sustain the project beyond the grant period, Texans Can will solicit partner support through inkind resources while the development team will continue to research, identify, and secure external funding.

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| | | Scnedule #6- | <u>-Program i</u> | Budget Summary | | |
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| Grant | period: Au | ugust 1, 2018, to July 31, 2019 | | Fund code/shared 265/352 | l services arrange | ment code: |
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| Sche | edule # | Title | Class/ Object Code | Program Cost | Admin Cost | Total Budgeted Cost |
| Sched | ule #7 | Payroll Costs (6100) | 6100 | \$856,320 | \$0 | \$856,320 |
| Sched | ule #8 | Professional and Contracted Services (6200) | 6200 | \$273,260 | \$24,000 | \$297,260 |
| Sched | ule #9 | Supplies and Materials (6300) | 6300 | \$199,217 | \$0 | \$199,217 |
| Sched | ule #10 | Other Operating Costs (6400) | 6400 | \$120,698 | \$0 | \$120,698 |
| Sched | ule #11 | Capital Outlay (6600) | 6600 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Consolidate Administrative Funds | | | X Yes □No | |
| | | Total d | irect costs: | \$1,449,495 | \$24,000 | \$1,473,495 |
| | | Percentage% indirect costs | (see note): | N/A | \$26,000 | \$26,000 |
| Grand | total of l | oudgeted costs (add all entries in eac | h column): | \$1,449,495 | \$50,000 | \$1,499,495 |
| | | Shared 9 | Services A | rrangement | | |
| 6493 | Paymer arrange | its to member districts of shared serv ments | ices | \$1,316,995 | \$24,000 | \$1,340,995 |
| | | Administ | rative Cost | Calculation | | |
| Enter t | he total g | rant amount requested: | | | | \$1,473,495 |
| Percen | itage limit | on administrative costs established t | for the prog | ram (5%): | | × .05 |
| | | nd down to the nearest whole dollar. mum amount allowable for administra | | | ets. | \$73,675 |

Schedule #6-Program Budget Summary

NOTE: Indirect costs are calculated and reimbursed based on actual expenditures when reported in the expenditure reporting system, regardless of the amount budgeted and approved in the grant application. If indirect costs are claimed, they are part of the total grant award amount. They are not in addition to the grant award amount.

Indirect costs are not required to be budgeted in the grant application in order to be charged to the grant. Do not submit an amendment solely for the purpose of budgeting indirect costs.

If selected for a competitive grant, your award amount will be the lesser of the grand total of budgeted costs as stated on this schedule (the box with the bold outline), or the sum of all line items listed on this schedule, or the maximum allowable award amount. TEA is not responsible for math errors.

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| Employee Position Title | | Estimated # of Estimated # of Positions 100% Positions <100% Grant Funded Grant Funded | Grant Amount Budgeted | | |
| Aca | ademic/Instructional | | | | |
| 1 | Teacher | 18 | \$180,000 | | |
| 2 | Educational aide | | \$ | | |
| 3 | Tutor | 20 | \$84,000 | | |
| Pro | ogram Management and Administration | | | | |
| 4 | Project director (required) | 1 1 | \$60,000 | | |
| 5 | Site coordinator (required) | 8 | \$360,000 | | |
| 6 | Family engagement specialist (required) | 1 | \$45,000 | | |
| 7 | Secretary/administrative assistant | | \$ | | |
| 8 | Data entry clerk | | \$ | | |
| 9 | Grant accountant/bookkeeper | | \$ | | |
| 10 | Evaluator/evaluation specialist | | \$ | | |
| ۹u: | xiliary | | | | |
| 11 | Counselor | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | |
| Edı | ucation Service Center (to be completed | by ESC only when ESC is the applicant) | | | |
| 13 | ESC specialist/consultant | | \$ | | |
| 14 | ESC coordinator/manager/supervisor | | \$ | | |
| 15 | ESC support staff | | \$ | | |
| 16 | ESC other | | \$ | | |
| 17 | ESC other | | \$\$ | | |
| 18 | ESC other | | | | |
| Oth | ner Employee Positions | | | | |
| 19 | Title | | \$ | | |
| 20 | Title | | \$ | | |
| 21 | Title | | \$ | | |
| 22 | | Subtotal employee costs: | \$729,000 | | |
| Sul | bstitute, Extra-Duty Pay, Benefits Costs | | | | |
| | 6112 Substitute pay | | \$ | | |
| 24 | 6119 Professional staff extra-duty pay | | \$ | | |
| 25 | 6121 Support staff extra-duty pay | | \$ | | |
| 26 | 6140 Employee benefits | | \$127,320 | | |
| 27 | | Subtotal substitute, extra-duty, benefits costs | \$127,320 | | |
| 28 | Grand total (Subtotal employee co | sts plus subtotal substitute, extra-duty, benefits costs): | \$856,320 | | |

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| | Schedule #8—Professional and Contracted Services (6200) | |
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| NOT | E: Specifying an individual vendor in a grant application does not meet the applicable req | uirements for sole-source |
| ргоч | iders. TEA's approval of such grant applications does not constitute approval of a sole-so | urce provider. |
| | Professional and Contracted Services Requiring Specific Approv | /al |
| | Expense Item Description | Grant Amount Budgeted |
| | Rental or lease of buildings, space in buildings, or land | |
| 626 | Specify purpose: | \$ |
| (| a. Subtotal of professional and contracted services (6200) costs requiring specific approval: | \$ |
| | Professional and Contracted Services | |
| # | Description of Service and Purpose | Grant Amount Budgeted |
| 1 | Big Thought - Delivers customized learning experiences that ignite the imagination of youth from under-resourced communities and help close the opportunity gap. | \$30,000 |
| 2 | Fit and Faithful Living - Promotes Social Emotional Learning experiences, fitness activities to improve health, nutrition, and food portion control. | \$15,000 |
| 3 | The First Tee of Greater Dallas - Provides educational opportunities that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices. | \$60,000 |
| 4 | Dallas County Community College - Provides opportunities for students to obtain CTE certifications and college credits while in high school. | \$50,000 |
| 5 | Tarrant County Community College - Provides opportunities for students to obtain CTE certifications and college credits while in high school. | \$50,000 |
| 6 | CodeStream Studios LLC - Teaches computational thinking and problem solving skills through coding to students. | \$25,000 |
| 7 | External Evaluation Services, EGT Institute, Inc. – Implement evaluation services for continuous improvement. | \$24,000 |
| 8 | | \$ |
| 9 | - | \$ |
| 10 | | \$ |
| 11 | | \$ |
| 12 | | \$ |
| 13 | | \$ |
| 14 | | \$ |
| | b. Subtotal of professional and contracted services: | \$254,000 |
| | c. Remaining 6200—Professional and contracted services that do not require specific approval: | \$43,260 |
| | (Sum of lines a, b, and c) Grand total | \$297,260 |

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| | Schedule #9—Supplies and Materials (6300) | |
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| County | r-District Number or Vendor ID: 057804 Amendment num | ber (for amendments only): |
| | Supplies and Materials Requiring Specific Approva | ı |
| | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | |
| | Expense Item Description | Grant Amount Budgeted |
| 6300 | Expense Item Description Total supplies and materials that do not require specific approval: | |

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| | Schedule #10—Other Operating Cost | ts (6400) | | |
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| County | y-District Number or Vendor ID: 057804 Amend | dment number (for an | nendments only): | |
| | Expense Item Description | | Grant Amount Budgeted | |
| 6411 | Out-of-state travel for employees. Must be allowable per Program G grantee must keep documentation locally. | uidelines and | \$6,250 | |
| 6412 | Travel for students to conferences (does not include field trips). Requathorization in writing. | juires pre- | \$ | |
| 6412/ | Specify purpose: | | | |
| 6412/ 6494 | Educational Field Trip(s). Must be allowable per Program Guideline must keep documentation locally. | s and grantee | \$ | |
| 6413 | Stipends for non-employees other than those included in 6419 | | \$ | |
| 6419 | Non-employee costs for conferences. Requires pre-authorization in | writing. | \$ | |
| | Subtotal other operating costs requiring s | pecific approval: | \$ | |
| | Remaining 6400—Other operating costs that do not require s | pecific approval: | \$114,448 | |
| | | Grand total: | \$120,698 | |

In-state travel for employees does not require specific approval.

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| # | Description and Purpose | Quantity | Unit Cost | Grant Amount Budgeted |
| | -Library Books and Media (capitalized and cor | trolled by librar | | Grant Amount Budgetet |
| 1 | The state of the s | N/A | N/A | \$ |
| 66XX- | -Computing Devices, capitalized | 1 | - 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | |
| 2 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 4 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 5 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 6 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 7 | ··· | | \$ | \$ |
| 8 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 9 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 10 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 11 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 66XX- | -Software, capitalized | | | |
| 12 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 13 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 14 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 15 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 16 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 17 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 18 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 66XX— | -Equipment or furniture | | • | |
| 19 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 20 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 21 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 22 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 23 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 24 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 25 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 26 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 27 | | | \$ | \$ |
| 28 | | | \$ | \$ |
| | -Capital expenditures for additions, improvem | ents, or modifica | ations to capital a | ssets that materially |
| 66XX— increas | se their value or useful life (not ordinary repai | rs and maintenai | ice) | |
| 66XX— increas 29 | se their value or useful life (not ordinary repai | rs and maintenai | ice) | \$ |

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Schedule #14—Management Plan

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Amendment # (for amendments only):

Part 1: Staff Qualifications. List the desired qualifications, experience, and any requested certifications of the primary project personnel projected to be involved in the implementation and delivery of the program. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

| # | Title | Desired Qualifications, Experience, Certifications |
|----|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Project Director | Project Director, Ms. Mattie Richardson, holds a Masters of Business Administration, M.S. in Reading, and B.S. in Business Education. She has over 17 years of experience managing federal and state educational programs including multi-center ACE programs and programs with budgets of this magnitude. Qualifications: Minimum Bachelor's degree Education/related field), Masters preferred; five years of program and fiscal management of 21st CCLC; three years' experience in education and supervisory experience. Experience in program development, marketing, implementation, data reporting, evaluation, and fiscal management. |
| 2. | Site Coordinator(s) | Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in education/related field, Masters preferred, Texas Teaching Certificate with a minimum of three years of experience in teaching in high school setting with atrisk children and substantial experience implementing and organizing educational non-traditional programs. Experience overseeing after school programs preferred. |
| 3. | Family Engagement Specialist | Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in education, three years of experience in coordinating family self-efficiency programs, experience working in an educational, social service or family support setting with diverse groups and substantial experience in working with community agencies. |

Part 2: Milestones and Timeline. Summarize the major objectives of the planned project, along with defined milestones and projected timelines. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

point.

| # | Objective | | Milestone | Begin Activity | End Activity |
|----|---|----|--|----------------|--------------|
| | Increase student | 1. | Coordinate ACE academic supports with teachers. | 08/01/2018 | 08/15/2018 |
| | | 2. | ACE academic lessons and supports finalized. | 08/01/2018 | 08/24/2018 |
| 1. | academic | 3. | Students at risk of failure or dropout identified. | 08/01/2018 | 08/24/2018 |
| ١. | performance by providing academic | 4. | ACE program starts. Begins providing academic | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | supports | | supports, targeted tutoring, homework assistance. | | |
| | aupports | 5. | Individual Education Plans created for all students. | 08/27/2018 | 09/07/2018 |
| | Inches of the set | 1. | Implement extensive ACE marketing/outreach plan. | 08/01/2018 | 08/24/2018 |
| | Improve student attendance by | 2. | Finalize engaging enrichment programming. | 08/01/2018 | 08/24/2018 |
| 2. | engaging students | 3. | ACE program starts. Begin enrichment programs. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| ۷. | and parents in | 4. | Parent Involvement Council (PIC) established and | 09/10/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | programming | | meets regularly. | | |
| | programming | 5. | Start Saturday Academies and Parent Involvement. | 09/15/2018 | 04/26/2019 |
| | Improve student behavior by engaging students and parents in | 1. | Social-emotional learning/promoting healthy choices | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | | 2. | Training to increase parental school involvement. | 09/10/2018 | 04/26/2019 |
| 3. | | 3. | Parent and youth communication skills training. | 08/27/2018 | 04/26/2019 |
| [| | 4. | Parent Council provides parent training. | 09/15/2018 | 04/26/2019 |
| | programming | 5. | Strong Fathers/Strong Families support provided. | 09/15/2018 | 04/26/2019 |
| | Immercia etiident | 1. | Targeted evidence-based academic literacy support | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | Improve student promotion rates by | 2. | STAAR-aligned tutoring and test preparation. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| 4. | | 3. | Enrichment activities that compliment school work. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | providing academic | 4. | College and career awareness activities provided. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | supports | 5. | Professional development for teachers. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | 1 | 1. | Serve students most in need of academic support. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | Improve student | 2. | Students receive personalized instruction/tutoring. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| 5. | graduation rates | 3. | Students receive standardized test preparation. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | through college/ career readiness | 4. | Career exploration and college preparation. | 08/27/2018 | 07/05/2019 |
| | Career readiness | 5. | Introduction to college/careers through college visits | 10/01/2018 | 07/05/2019 |

Unless pre-award costs are specifically approved by TEA, grant funds will be used to pay only for activities occurring between the beginning and ending dates of the grant, as specified on the Notice of Grant Award.

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Statutory Requirement 1: Describe how the eligible entity evaluated community needs and resources. Describe the results, including the resources available in the community, and how the program strategies and activities proposed to be carried out in the center(s) will address those needs. Specifically address the needs of working families. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Texans Can Academies (Texans Can), a charter system/LEA, is proposing to implement the Project Start² (Students and Teachers Afterschool Reinforcing Teaching Together) after school program. Texans Can operates a unique network of 13 high-need charter high-schools serving the most at-risk 9th - 12th grade students in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, and San Antonio. Texans Can's target population is at-risk and underserved youth and includes a high percentage of minority, limited English proficient, low-income, and some of the most undereducated students in Texas. During the development of the proposed Project Start², Texans Can conducted comprehensive community and campus needs assessments to identify the specific needs of students, families, and the community as well as to identify schools most in need of out-of-school time services. Multiple objective data sets, including charter and campus level data and student academic achievement, were reviewed including: annual state standardized test scores (STAAR-EOC), Texas Education Agency (TEA) 2016-17 district and campus Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR), Texans Can's district and campus improvement plans, school performance reports, and Texans Can student, parent, and educator surveys. In addition, focus groups were held with students, parents, and school administrators and teachers. Project Start² has been designed based on findings from review of all objective data, principles of effectiveness, related research in effective after school programs, and the Texas ACE Blueprint. In addition, Project Start2 has been designed to meet the statutory requirements and performance measures mentioned in TEA'S Program Guidelines and will serve as an overall vehicle guiding the implementation of Project Start2. COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT: A thorough systematic community needs assessment was conducted to determine the need for after-school centers, to identify meaningful activity types, to locate community resources, and identify gaps in services. Through this process, Texans Can identified notable gaps and weaknesses related to the school's infrastructure, resources, practices, instruction, and support mechanisms that led to the design of Project Start2. Texans Can serves one of the largest percent of at-risk minority students, with some of the highest poverty levels, high dropout rates and a high number of mobile students in the state. Texans Can currently serves 5.262 students in grades 9 - 12 through its 13 campuses statewide, many of which are categorized as some of the hardest to serve at-risk, low-income, minority student populations in Texas. Of the 5,262 students served statewide: 66.8% are Hispanic; 29.7% are African-American; 88.2% are Economically Disadvantaged; 24% are Limited English Proficient; and an astounding 95.5% are at-risk (TAPR 2016-17 District Profile). Texans Can's Class of 2016 had a dropout rate of 22.6% compared to 6.2% for Texas while only 50.9% of Texans Can students graduated (4 years) compared to 89.1% (Texas). Texans Can students' 2017 STAAR results were significantly below state results for most core subjects including Reading (38% TC vs 72% TX), Math (62% TC vs 79% TX), and Science (67% TC vs 79% TX). The targeted 8 campuses are eligible for school wide programs under Title I Section 1114 and far exceed the 40% economically disadvantaged status. Further, two centers are designated as priority schools (Dallas Can Carrolton-Farmers Branch and Dallas Can Charter-Ross Ave) while one center (Dallas Can-Pleasant Grove) designated as a focus school. Texans Can selected 8 of its charter schools identified as most in need including schools implementing comprehensive and targeted support and improvement activities under ESSA and that enroll students who may be at risk for academic failure. Based on this criteria, Texans Can chose the following Dallas, Fort Worth, and Garland centers, all which exceed the state at-risk rate of 50.3%.

| Schools | Minority | Low- | At- | Drop | Schools | Minority | Low- | At- | Drop |
|----------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| | | Income | Risk | Out | | | Income | Risk | Out |
| Ross Ave | 97.3% | 90% | 95.3% | 3.9% | Grant East | 97.9% | 99.4% | 97.7% | 6.9% |
| Oak Cliff | 98.6% | 96.8% | 94% | 9.2% | Garland | 88.2% | 66.9% | 85% | - |
| Carrollton | 95.7% | 83.8% | 93.4% | 12.5% | FW Lancaster | 97.3% | 87.6% | 97.3% | 9.7% |
| Pleasant Grove | 99.7% | 95.3% | 96.9% | 9.9% | FW Westcreek | 94.7% | 84.4% | 92.8% | 12.6% |
| STATE | 71.9% | 59% | 50.3% | 2.0% | *So | urce: 2016- | 2017 TAPE | Campus | Profiles |

Needs of Working Families: As part of the community assessment, Texans Can conducted student and parent surveys (Spring 2018) to determine needs of working families/students. Parent Surveys show a high need for engaging after-school programs (84%), academic supports for students (92%), and college/career readiness programs (87%). Student Surveys showed interests in afterschool programs providing homework assistance (72%), arts, dance, music (78%), athletics/sports (84%), and college/career readiness (80%). Community Resources: An examination of resources available in this community was conducted via asset mapping to prioritize pressing needs; avoid duplication of other projects with similar activities; and leverage and maximize resources within this community. Asset mapping found that after school programs in these communities are located at minimum 5 miles away with most at significant costs.

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| Schedule #16- | -Responses to | Statutory | Requirements | (cont.) |
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Statutory Requirement 2: Describe the planned partnership between the applicant and the proposed eligible partner organization(s), including how the partnership will contribute to achieving stated objectives and sustaining the program over time, or provide evidence that the LEA is unable to partner with a community-based organization in reasonable geographic proximity and of sufficient quality to meet the requirements. Check the box that applies to this application. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

This applicant is part of a planned partnership.

This applicant is unable to partner.

Planned Partnership Texans Can, is proposing to implement Project Start2 - an engaging after school program designed to meet Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) objectives to improve academic performance, school day attendance, positive behavior, grade promotion rates, and graduation rates. To meet the multitude of needs, gaps in services, and at-risk factors identified in its extensive and comprehensive community and charter needs assessment (described above), Texans Can administrators and staff explicitly sought out partnerships with diverse organizations from throughout the community that could: 1) expand the charter's capacity to successfully implement Project Start2 and achieve program goals, 2) increase the scope and quality of services provided, and 3) increase likelihood of sustainability. After an extensive search to identify key partners that add value and demonstrate an expansion in Texans Can's service delivery capacity, Texans Can formed a unique planned partnership with Dallas County Community College (Dallas County CC) and Tarrant County Community College (Tarrant County CC) (*Partnership Letters attached). Both Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC are diverse institutions of higher education from the local communities that will fully assist with the successful implementation and scalability of the 21st CCLC program. Contributions Toward Achieving State Objectives: Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC will assist Texans Can with the successful implementation of Project Start² including project development, provision of services, evaluation of program effectiveness, and on-going sustainability efforts. Collectively, all three organizations strategically developed Project Start² activities and services to achieve the statewide program's measures of effectiveness including increasing: 1) academic performance; 2) school day attendance; 3) positive behavior; 4) grade promotion rates; and 5) graduation rates. As such, Project Start2 offers opportunities beyond the regular school day for students to participate in academic assistance, college and career readiness, family and parental support services, and enrichment activities. As described in their letters of partnership, both Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC are: • committed to sustaining the program over time, • will actively participate in program planning, development, and implementation, and • will have a pivotal role in delivering academic strategies and enrichment services, particularly college awareness and career readiness activities, required to increase the academic performance of students and meet or exceed statewide ACE program objectives. All partners will contribute to improving academic achievement through the provision of academic enrichment activities designed to support students in meeting academic achievement standards in core academic subjects while reinforcing and complementing the regular academic program of participating students, Specifically, Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC will support Texans Can in designing and delivering Project Start2's wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities such as engaging STEM-based and socio-emotional learning (SEL), behavioral and social skills development, student leadership training, college and career readiness, financial aid and literacy workshops and enrichment strategies for students, parents, and educators. Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC will provide college and career readiness activities to promote a college-going culture including providing students and parents information about college admissions and financial aid processes and exposing students to a multitude of engaging careers, including STEM professions. All partners will also contribute towards meeting TEA's Critical Success Factors for ACE as identified in the Texas ACE Blueprint including: • Students' and families' active participation and engagement in learning: • Students' and families increased sense of involvement in school; • Implementation of strategies learned through training; and • Use of assessment data to revise/evaluate student services. Sustaining the Program: Immediately upon contract award, all partners, supported by the ACE Advisory Council, will implement on-going strategizing for sustainability efforts including: • establishing collaborative relationships with community partners, Chamber of Commerce, etc. to support programming; • identifying corporate, foundation, and government grant funding opportunities; and • securing in-kind resources/services from supporting providers to sustain activities. Texas 21st CCLC funds will supplement, not supplant, programs and services provided with local or state funds. Supporting Organizations: Project Start² will also collaborate with the following local organizations in the delivery of ACE services: Big Thought; Fit and Faithful Living; First Tee of Dallas; City of Dallas/City of Fort Worth Parks and Recreation, Workforce Solutions, University Crossroads, UT Arlington. Circle 10 Council University of Scouting, Texas A&M Agrilife, Wee Can Academies, Be a Champion for Food, Texas Charter School Academic & Athletics, WINGS for Women/Families, and Camp Fire. These partners deliver engaging academic, STEM based learning, socio-emotional learning, behavioral, student leadership development and enrichment programs. These organizations will support Project Start² efforts to increase academic achievement levels of target students while improving their behavior, attendance, promotion, and graduation rates, as well as increase family member competencies.

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Statutory Requirement 3: Describe how the proposed program will impact performance, attendance, discipline referrals, advancement, and, if applicable, high school graduation rates and career competencies. If the program proposes to impact additional local measures or objectives, state those here and describe how the program is designed to impact those. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Texans Can charter system/LEA currently serves 5,262 students in grades 9 – 12 through its 13 campuses statewide, many of which are categorized as some of the hardest to serve at-risk, low-income, minority student populations in Texas. Of the 5,262 students served statewide: 66.8% are Hispanic; 29.7% are African-American; 88.2% are Economically Disadvantaged; 24% are Limited English Proficient; and an astounding 95.5% are at-risk (TAPR 2016-17 District Profile). For the Class of 2016, only 50.9% of Texans Can students graduated compared to 89.1% for the state while 22.6% of Texans Can students dropped out of high school compared to 6.2% for the state (4-Year Longitudinal Rate). Serving a student population with a multitude of risks and challenges, the need to provide students out-of-school programming that impacts their academic performance, behavior, advancement, graduation, and career competencies is critically important. Texans Can, Dallas Community CC, and Tarrant County CC specifically designed Project Start² to address these needs.

Project Start² will provide an all-inclusive out-of-school program beyond the regular school day that will offer a wide array of supplemental academic, artistic, and enrichment opportunities to Texans Can students and their families, particularly those identified as at risk of academic failure or drop out. Activities are aligned with TEKS and STAAR and are designed to support students in meeting academic achievement standards in core academic subjects while complementing the regular academic program of participating students. Project Start² will provide: 1) targeted TEKS aligned, evidence-based academic interventions, enrichment, tutoring, and homework support to students identified in most need of academic assistance; 2) engaging, interactive enrichment activities; 3) Saturday Academies which provide opportunities for parent/student engagement and learning; and a 4) Summer Learning Institute to minimize summer learning loss and support learning in all core content areas and enrichment areas (Reading, Writing, Science, Math, Social Studies, etc.).

Impact Performance: In summarizing 10 years of research on afterschool programs, the Harvard Family Research Project determined that afterschool programs can have an impact on academic achievement (Little, Wimer, & Weiss, 2008). Project Start² activities to improve student achievement levels will include evidence-based remedial education activities and academic enrichment learning programs including providing additional assistance to allow students the opportunity to improve their academic proficiencies in core subjects. This will be achieved through: project-based enrichment activities that complement school work; targeted tutoring services and remediation support; literacy and numeracy development; homework assistance; credit recovery; and STAAR-EOC test preparation. This approach will rely upon innovative teaching strategies and technology-based and hands-on activities aligned with students' academic needs and interests. Students requiring additional assistance will receive individual or small group tutoring directly aligned with classroom instruction.

Improve Attendance: Project Start² will improve attendance by providing highly engaging, interactive activities that encourage student learning and build their self-esteem including: • Socio-emotional learning (SEL) activities to strengthen leadership skills, character, creative expression, civic engagement, etc.; • Health, wellness and physical fitness activities; • Project-based enrichment activities with real-world connections which enhance students' team-building, critical thinking, and problem solving skills; and • College and career readiness that generates an exciting college-going atmosphere.

<u>Decrease Discipline Referrals</u>: Research and evaluation studies have shown that participation in afterschool programs during high risk times (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm) help decrease youths' exposure to and involvement in risky and maladaptive behaviors, have a positive impact on juvenile crime, and help reduce pregnancies, teen sex, and drug use (Ward, C.; Gibbs, B.; Buttars, R.; Gaither, P.; Burraston, B., 2015). As such, Project *Start*² will strategically provide: 1) Social-emotional learning and project-based activities that promote healthy decisions and lifestyle choices; 2) Parent engagement, outreach, and skills training to support positive parent/youth communication support; 3) Activities for students and parents that build literacy, self-esteem, and self-confidence; 4) Service learning to teach civic obligations.

Promote Academic Advancement: Project Start² will offer:1) Systematic assessment strategies, diagnostic and post-testing, behavior management, frequent monitoring, and create student support teams; 2) Differentiated instruction and Individual Education Plans; 3) Classroom/STAAR-aligned tutoring and homework assistance; 4) Innovative learning strategies that actively prepare students for real-world applications; and 5) Professional development for educators on instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process. Improve Graduation Rates and Career Competencies: Project Start² centers will: 1) Target students most in academic need and less likely to graduate; 2) Provide targeted and personalized academic support, tutoring, and standardized test-preparation; 3) Involve students and parents in decision making; 4) Provide career exploration to build career competencies by assessing students' skills and interests; 5) Create a college going culture by exposing students and parents through college visits and presentations.

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Statutory Requirement 4: Explain how the program will use best practices, including research or evidence-based practices, to provide educational and related activities that will complement and enhance academic performance, achievement, positive youth development of the students, and, if applicable, postsecondary and workforce preparation. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Research/Evidence-based Practices: Research demonstrates that students who participate in targeted, structured after-school academic programs demonstrate an increased knowledge in core academic competencies and performance. Multiple studies found that students who participate in afterschool programs achieve higher grades and higher standardized test scores than students who do not participate in afterschool programs (Shernoff, D., 2010). Building upon these findings, Project Start² was designed utilizing research that demonstrates afterschool programs enhance students' academic performance, achievement and youth development. For example, research shows that regular student participation in 21st CCLC programs was consistently associated with higher state assessment scores in reading and math (Naftzger, N., Nistler, M., Manzeske, et al., 2013). Another evaluation of 21st CCLC programs found a positive, statistically significant relationship between greater attendance and improvement in student motivation, attentiveness, prosocial behaviors, and homework completion and quality (Naftzger, N., Vinson, M., Manzeske, D., & Gibbs, C., 2011). As such, Project Start² will incorporate the following proven-effective supports.

Enhancing Academic Performance: An evaluation of an afterschool program in Washington, D.C., found that after two years in the program, students showed significant academic gains and much greater improvements in their reading and problem-solving scores than students not participating in the program (Herrera, C., et. al. 2011). Additional studies demonstrate that students who participate in after-school programs achieve higher grades and higher standardized test scores than students who do not participate in after-school programs (Shernoff, D., 2010). Project Start2 has been strategically designed to utilize research findings, evidence, and best practices to provide educational and enrichment activities that complement and enhance academic performance, achievement, college and career readiness, and positive youth development of participating students. To ensure students are mastering TEKS and STAAR core academic concepts. Project Start² complements daily learning and academic instruction with targeted extended day learning opportunities. All eight (8) centers will offer after school learning supports and intervention activities for students three hours per day, Monday - Thursday and Saturday. Targeted tutoring, homework assistance, and hands-on learning activities will be designed to support Texans Can's at-risk students in: • remedial academic intervention: • credit recovery: increasing academic proficiencies in core academic;
 meeting state and local academic achievement standards; and graduate college and career ready. Research demonstrates that students with high parental involvement in their academic careers overall demonstrate significant higher grade point averages and mastery of basic skills (Topper, D., et al, 2011). In alignment with this research, Project Start² incorporates Saturday Academies every Saturday of the month (3 hours) which provide opportunities for parents and students to come together to participate in engaging learning activities; provide parents insight into what their child is learning in school in school; and allow parents to increase involvement in their child's learning and gain skills to effectively support student learning at home. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the Parent Involvement Council (PIC), led and operated by parents, which provides parents a wide array of opportunities to become actively involved in their child's education. The PIC provides feedback on Project Start² activities, recommendations for new programs, and program volunteer support. Summer Learning Institute: Supported by evidence which demonstrates that summers spent without learning significantly contributes to the underachievement of students (Smink, J., 2011), Project Start² will host a 6-week Summer Learning Institute to support learning in all core content areas as well as STEM. The Institute will utilize methods of effective/ promising programs (experiential learning techniques, field based instruction) and will encompass: literacy development, credit recovery, career exploration, college and career readiness (assistance with college admissions and financial aid applications, college search, and trips to local colleges/universities), standardized test preparation, STAAR-EOC preparation, targeted tutoring, and Socio-Emotional Learning, Positive Youth Development: Evaluations of 21st CCLC programs in one state revealed a positive and statistically significant relationship between greater attendance and improvement in student motivation and attentiveness, prosocial behaviors, and homework completion and quality (Naftzger, N., Vinson, M., Manzeske, D., & Gibbs, C., 2011). To support students' positive youth development, Project Start² incorporates numerous engaging social-emotional learning (SEL) and skills building activities to strengthen leadership skills, character, creative expression, civic engagement, etc. College and Career Readiness: To encourage a college-going culture, Project Start2 will provide college readiness activities addressing college admission and financial aid, programs of study, college entrance requirements, etc. Students will be supported in college search, completing admissions/financial aid applications, and participate in college/university tours. Career readiness will include exposure to high demand careers (including STEM), career search, project-based learning in specific fields (robotics, design, etc.) and professional presentations.

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Statutory Requirement 5: Describe the proposed program activities and how they are expected to improve student academic achievement and overall student success. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Project Start² Program Activities: Project Start² will provide a comprehensive and highly engaging after-school, weekend and summer program that will offer evidence-based academic supports and interventions and enrichment opportunities to students and their families, particularly to at-risk, low-income and English Language Learners during non-school hours. Academic, academic enrichment, accelerated learning, and tutoring activities will align with the regular school day program and state standards. Enrichment activities will enhance the academic-related activities of the regular day, include interactive project-based learning and hands-on activities, and be aligned with a documented student need.

Regular School Year Activities: Project Start² will provide an all-inclusive out-of-school program beyond the regular school day that will offer a wide array of supplemental academic, artistic, and enrichment opportunities to Texans Can students and their families, particularly those identified as at risk of academic failure or drop out. Activities are aligned with TEKS and STAAR and are designed to support students in meeting academic achievement standards in core academic subjects while complementing the regular academic program of participating students. During the regular 2018-2019 school year (fall/spring), the ACE Program will provide academic assistance, enrichment, family and parental support, and college and workforce readiness activities for 15 hours per week (Mon-Thurs and Saturday) for 29 weeks at 8 participating centers. Activities will engage students in active learning through innovative, evidence-based instructional techniques, academic supports, and behavioral interventions. To support overall student academic achievement, including students' benchmark, STAAR scores, and grades in core subjects, the ACE Program will provide developmentally appropriate: 1) targeted, TEKS aligned, evidence-based academic interventions, enrichment, tutoring, homework support, and credit recovery to students identified in most need of academic assistance; 2) theme-based literacy and numeracy instructional units; 3) STAAR-EOC preparation, and standardized test preparation; 4) enrichment activities such as: • project based learning, • educational field trips • sports, physical fitness, and wellness activities, • arts (hip hop, dance, theatre, visuals arts), and • computer literacy, etc.; 5) Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) including: • drug and violence prevention programs, character and youth leadership development; 6) college and career readiness activities; and 7) Saturday Academies which engage parents and students in learning such as: • expanded tutorial, enrichment, and social emotional learning opportunities for youth, • credit recovery, • college awareness including assistance with college admissions and financial aid applications, college search, and trips to local colleges/universities, • career readiness including career exploration, trips to work sites, professional presentations, etc., and • financial literacy, adult education, parenting skills, etc.

<u>Summer Activities</u>: Project *Start*² will also provide an engaging, interactive educational <u>Summer Learning Institute</u> to support continued learning and minimize summer learning loss. The Summer Learning Institute will encompass: literacy development, credit recovery, career exploration, college and career readiness (assistance with college admissions and financial aid applications, college search, and trips to local colleges/universities), standardized test preparation, STAAR-EOC preparation, targeted tutoring, and Socio-Emotional Learning (positive behavioral skills development, drug and violence prevention programs, character and youth leadership development). The Summer Learning Institute will also include a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) component through which youth will be engaged in interactive, hands-on STEM activities exposing them to advanced learning in these areas as well as careers in these fields. The Summer Institute will operate for <u>6 weeks</u>, 4 hours per day (Monday-Thursday).

Activities to Improve Student Achievement: Project Start² activities are designed to support students in meeting academic achievement standards in core academic subjects while reinforcing and complementing the regular academic program of participating students. To ensure the academic success of participating students and support their academic achievement, Project Start² is aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Each center will be equipped with the after-school services that will close achievement gaps, improve student achievement and create an educational structure that supports all learners to improve academic performance, promotion rates, and graduation rates, creating a generation of college and workforce ready students. Activities to improve student academic achievement levels consist of educational intervention activities to close any gaps in learning and academic enrichment learning programs including targeted, TEKS aligned, evidence-based academic interventions and prescriptive tutoring afterschool to the students identified in most need of academic support. Additional activities to improve student learning include: • project-based enrichment activities; • literacy and numeracy development; • homework assistance; • study skills development; credit recovery/retrieval; and • STAAR-EOC test prep. This approach will rely upon innovative teaching strategies, as well as technology-based, hands-on activities aligned with students' interests. Students needing additional assistance will receive prescriptive individual or small group tutoring.

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Statutory Requirement 6: Describe the applicant's plan to disseminate information about the community learning center, including its location, to the community in a manner that is understandable and accessible. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Texans Can, Dallas County CC, and Tarrant County CC are committed to supporting the success of Project Start² and participating students, parents, and families. As a charter LEA in existence for more than 30 years, Texans Can is well adept at recruiting eligible students to enroll in its charter schools as well as participate in the multitude of support programs made available to them. To make the best use of outreach efforts, immediately upon award of contract, Project Start² staff will recruit key stakeholders to form a formal Project Start² Marketing Team (Marketing Team) that will include, but is not limited to: teachers, educators, staff, parents, businesses, and community and government leaders. The Marketing Team, with the support of key partners (Dallas County CC, Tarrant County CC) and service providers, will execute an extensive outreach and marketing plan to recruit potential participants as well as to disseminate information about the program throughout Dallas, Fort Worth, and Garland.

Outreach and Marketing Plan: Outreach information will be disseminated throughout the Dallas, Fort Worth, and Garland communities through a multitude of measures to ensure that it is easily accessible by local students, parents, and families. To initiate this extensive plan, the Marketing Team, Project Start² Project Director, Site Coordinators, Family Education Specialist, key partners, and supporting providers will be devoted to the outreach and marketing efforts to ensure local residents are fully aware of community learning centers, educational opportunities, locations, schedules, and campus contacts. Project Start² staff will work closely with school administrators and staff at each participating center/campus, key partners, supporting providers, local community and faith-based organizations, and other youth-serving entities to disseminate program information and implement an extensive marketing/community outreach initiative including:

- Promoting program through Texans Can's, key partners', and supporting providers' websites and social media pages;
- Creating and distributing informational flyers, brochures, and district newsletter (electronic and hard copies) to partner
 organizations, students, parents, caregivers, teachers, and community;
- Distribution of flyers and posting of large informational signs throughout local neighborhoods and communities;
- · Public service announcements and press releases; posting of information in local newspapers; and
- Announcements and presentations at: Texans Can new student/parent orientations in the Dallas, Fort Worth, and Garland areas, monthly and quarterly School Board meetings, and PTSA meetings.

To ensure that all outreach efforts are understandable, accessible, and transparent, all marketing information (written, verbal, and electronic) will be available in both English and Spanish. Further, the Texas ACE© logo will be included in all outreach and communication materials and will comply with Texas ACE© branding guidelines.

Site Coordinators will play a critical role in community-wide dissemination of information and in student recruitment efforts by making presentations at various school events and functions including PTSA and Parent University meetings, Back to School Nights, student assemblies, in-school announcements, and all staff meetings. The following service providers have also agreed to actively disseminate information about Project *Start*² to their clients and participants: Big Thought; Fit and Faithful Living; the First Tee of Greater Dallas, City of Dallas and City of Fort Worth Parks and Recreation, Workforce Solutions of Texas, University Crossroads, UT Arlington, Circle 10 Council University of Scouting, Texas A&M Agrilife, Wee Can Academies, WINGS for Women and Families, Be a Champion for Food Program, Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic, and Camp Fire. Project *Start*² Site Coordinators will also set-up informational displays and posters at participating school campuses, local community events, recreation centers, parks, and community organizations which attract Texans Can students and working families.

To supplement outreach and recruitment efforts, Texans Can will also air public radio announcements as it does with its highly successful business enterprise, Cars for Kids. Texans Can markets this program throughout the year through public service radio announcements in both English and Spanish and will similarly market Project *Start*². Additionally, Texans Can will host recruitment drives at participating centers throughout the school year, once per semester at minimum, to further engage and recruit eligible students for participation. Finally, Texans Can will recruit active students to personally get involved in outreach efforts by speaking at school and local community groups and coordinating information and access fairs to overall promote the community learning centers. All materials will be in easy-to-read language (English and Spanish) and will outline the specific steps of the enrollment process, locations, and contact person, to ensure all students and parents have equal access to information and to the centers. Upon program commencement, the program will regularly communicate program information to Project *Start*² student and parent participants, key partners, and supporting providers through: Texans Can's websites, social media; Weekly/monthly distribution of e-newsletters; quarterly reports to Texans Can School Board detailing Project *Start*² progress; etc.

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Statutory Requirement 7: Please describe the transportation needs of participating students and how students participating in the program will travel safely to and from the center(s) and home. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Project Start² Center Locations:

Texans Can and partners are proposing to implement Project Start² centers in eight (8) Texans Can's high school campuses throughout Dallas, Fort Worth, and Garland. Center locations include the following:

| Project Start ² ACE Program Centers and Locations | | | |
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| Dallas Can Academy, | 4621 Ross Avenue | Dallas Can Academy, | 2901 Morgan Drive |
| Ross Avenue | Dallas, TX 75204 | Grant East | Dallas, TX 7524 1 |
| Dallas Can Academy, | 325 West 12th Street | Garland Can Academy | 2256 Arapaho Rd |
| Oak Cliff | Dallas, TX 75208 | | Garland, TX 75044 |
| Dallas Can Academy, | 2720 Hollandale | Fort Worth Can Academy, | 1316 Lancaster Avenue |
| Carrollton/Farmer's Branch | Farmers Branch, TX 75234 | Lancaster Avenue | Fort Worth, TX 76102 |
| Dallas Can Academy, | 1227 North Masters Drive | Fort Worth Can Academy, | 6620 Westcreek Drive |
| Pleasant Grove | Dallas, TX 75217 | Westcreek | Fort Worth, TX 76133 |

Serving the most impoverished communities in Dallas, Garland, and Fort Worth, each of the aforementioned campuses is strategically and intentionally located in the heart of inner-city communities so that Texans Can is able to reach and serve youth and families most in need of academic and educational supports. As such, these high schools are within walking distance or a short transit bus ride from the homes of most students.

Transportation Needs of Participating Students:

Serving high school aged youth, more than half of Texans Can student participants either walk to and from school, ride a city bus, or provide their own transportation by driving themselves or securing rides with parents/guardians or other licensed individuals (friends, relatives, etc.).

Transporting Students from Center Back Home:

Students participating in the ACE program will be directly dismissed from their school day to Project *Start*² located on their home Texans Can campus. As such, students will not require transportation to the center immediately after school. However, once daily after school programming ends, students will have the option of securing their own transportation or utilizing transportation options provided by Texans Can. Texans Can will provide daily busing of Project *Start*² youth participants from the Center back home throughout the regular school year (fall and spring semesters) and during summer programming. Additionally, Texans Can will offer public transit tokens for students who prefer to utilize city bus transportation to return home.

Student Travel to and from Project Start² Off-Site Activities:

As a part of Project Start², Texans Can buses will provide all transportation services for all participating students of both after-school and summer academic, enrichment and college and workforce readiness activities. Texans Can will also provide daily busing of students after all project activities, including off-site community service project activities or educational field trips. Further, during activities located in areas other than the home center site, Texans Can will provide transportation from the location back to the home center site. Throughout all transport of students to and from centers and activities, bus safety policies will be enforced as well as required student supervisory ratio. In addition, Texans Can will provide transportation assistance (public transit tokens, etc.), as needed, to families participating in adult education, family literacy and similar activities provided through Project Start².

<u>Transportation Guidelines and Policies</u>: Project *Start*² will follow Texans Can's transportation guidelines, policies, and procedures in the safe and timely transporting of students. Texans Can is committed to providing safe, reliable and professional transportation services for its students according to the parameters set forth by the charter's policy and in adherence to applicable State and Federal Laws. Emergency protocols for any unanticipated transportation incidents will be implemented at each center in accordance with approved emergency policies and procedures of Texans Can.

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Statutory Requirement 8: Describe how the eligible entity will encourage and use appropriately qualified persons to serve as the volunteers. Explain the policy for screening and placing volunteers. If the entity does not plan to use volunteers, please indicate that in the space provided. (Choosing not to use volunteers will not lower review scores). Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Texans Can is a progressive, dynamic charter/LEA immersed in a family-centered community. Texans Can takes pride in embracing individuals of all ages (as appropriate), races, and ethnicities as volunteers to its schools and communities. Texans Can understands that every member of their team contributes to the success of its students and actively seeks the support of appropriately qualified volunteers who are will support the charter's <u>mission</u> to educate ALL students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a global society.

Screening and Placing Volunteers: Texans Can understands that the use of volunteers is encouraged and can help provide students with an adult advocate, which is emphasized in best practice research on out-of-school time as well as a critical success factor for Texas ACE. As such, Texans Can will execute safe, structured volunteer programs. As delineated in the Texas ACE Blueprint, and in accordance with Senate Bill 9, all volunteers who will have direct interaction with children and youth in the program must be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal background check in order to ensure the safety of all children served in the program. Texans Can will refer to charter agency policies regarding fingerprinting procedures. Texans Can implements several volunteer programs to support its wide array of student, parent, and community programming. Interested individuals will be screened for qualifications and interests prior to placement and will be assigned by appropriateness, interest, experience, knowledge, and need for support in volunteer opportunities.

Project Start² Senior Volunteer Program: Project Start² will provide extended evening activities and programs for both students and parents through a peer education volunteer model. Qualified senior citizens will be trained to be effective volunteers in after-school, weekend, and summer activities with both students and parents. Texans Can has forged numerous alliances with parents, community residents, local organizations, and volunteers including senior citizens. Through these volunteers, Texans Can staff and educators have received numerous hours of support that included teacher coaching, mentoring and leadership training, acquisition of equipment, supplies, materials, technology, facilities, tutoring, mentoring, advising, monitoring, and leadership training services provided directly to students and parents. The Project Start² Project Director will utilize many of Texans Can's partnerships and current senior volunteers, a majority of which are retired educators, to assist with out-of-school programming that could include literacy and numeric education, enrichment activities, social development, decision-making, homework assistances, ESL classes, financial literacy, etc. Recruitment of qualified senior volunteers will be ongoing through current seniors, educators, volunteers, local broadcast (television and radio), presentations at local organizations and events, dissemination of flyers, brochures, newsletters, etc.

Project Start² Professional Volunteer Program: Texans Can, Dallas County CC, and Tarrant County CC are proud to have the support of professional organizations (Chambers of Commerce, etc.), businesses (financial institutions, etc.), educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and leaders throughout their respective region and are able to turn to these partners for volunteer support. This partnership will solicit volunteer support from these enhance the quality of Project Start² activities and services. Examples of volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, supporting in the dissemination of knowledge and information through a Career Speaker Series providing presentations on in-demand careers, College and Career Readiness, Financial Literacy and Financial Aid Workshops, etc.

Parent Involvement Council (PIC): In preparation of Project Start², Texans Can received exceptional support from parents and the local community that have and will continue to fully support this after-school initiative. Many years of research indicate that involving families and the community contributes to children's academic and social success. According to the Child Trends Data Bank, Parental Involvement in Schools Report (2013), students with parents who are involved in their school tend to have fewer behavioral problems and better academic performance, and are more likely to complete high school than students whose parents are not involved in their school. As such, Project Start² Project Director, Site Coordinators, and Family Engagement Specialist will actively engage parents to participate in the voluntary Parent Involvement Council (PIC). Led and operated by parents, the PIC will meet monthly and will be provide valuable feedback and recommendations on program services as well as given opportunities to volunteer in a wide array of Project Start² activities and events. Volunteer opportunities will include, but not be limited to: mentoring and tutoring students, assisting in the coordination of college and career readiness activities, assisting with the conceptualization, organization, and implementation of community service learning projects and social-emotional learning activities. PIC members will also support parent engagement, outreach, and skills training to support positive parent/youth communication. Peer-to-peer training will be provided and may include tips on accessing community resources for your child and family, college readiness, financial aid/financial literacy, increasing involvement in their child's learning, and parenting skills building.

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Statutory Requirement 9: Describe a preliminary plan for how the community learning center will continue after funding under this grant ends, including how the resources provided by this grant will assist the program in local sustainability efforts. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Preliminary Plan for Center Sustainability: Plans of sustainability of Project Start² will be an ongoing focus of Texans Can and its key partners (Dallas County CC, Tarrant County CC) and will be begin immediately upon contract award. Collectively, these organizations will develop locally-coordinated realistic strategies for continuing of this high-quality program after funding ends. During Year 1, Texans Can and partners will develop preliminary sustainability plans and progress assessments. Sustainability initiatives that Texans Can will work to achieve include: Attaining ACE Advisory Council's (AAC) support and guidance in sustainability efforts; Developing and refining center-level logic models and local program evaluation support to document the program's operations and results and provide tools for continuous program improvement; and access TEA state-level resources which assist programs to implement sustainability strategies. Provided below are details on how Texans Can and partners will implement Project Start² sustainability efforts.

Leadership and Board Endorsement: Project Start² is endorsed from the top leadership of Texans Can, including its CEO and the Chief of Schools. Thus, campus administrators will provide planning and guidance time at no-cost to the program. Additionally, Texans Can's Board of Trustees unanimously endorse this initiative and 100% of Trustees have committed to its sustainability over time when grant funding ends as validated by the attached Board letters of support. Building Systemic Infrastructure of Expanded Learning Opportunities: Texans Can and partners will utilize Texas 21st CCLC funds to build and expand upon its systemic infrastructure of expanded learning opportunities. Having successfully operated a Cycle 8 ACE Program for the past 5 years, Texans Can has already established a strong organizational base and systemic infrastructure for Project Start² (for example, policies, procedures, systems, schedules all in place, partners know their roles and are comfortable in them, etc.). Project Start² will be housed at corporate office in Dallas, under the division of federal, state, and local grants. Establishing a strong organizational foundation fosters sustainability. Thus this division strongly advocates and has access to an array of student programs and resources within Texans Can that will be maximized for students which ultimately begin the planning for sustainability. Currently, all eight (8) campuses will host the 21st CCLC centers at their facilities at no-cost to the program.

Addressing Local Needs and Resources to Achieve Sustainability: Texans Can and partners will work with service providers and community stakeholders to develop sustainability plans that address unique local needs, consider local resources, and demonstrate how Project Start² will achieve sustainability. Texans Can will ensure that the needs of the community are driving this program and that the community is aware of program benefits and contributions to the community. Texans Can will undertake an ongoing assessment of the community's local resources to identify potential supporters of Project Start². For instance, the Project Director will regularly invite representatives from local businesses and community organizations to visit each center and observe ongoing activities, learning, and engagement taking place. The Project Director will also keep local businesses and organizations informed about successful Project Start² services, activities and outcomes. Community residents, parents, business representatives, and service providers will also be invited to participate in the ACE Advisory Council (AAC) to plan and systematically assist in the sustainability and stability of Project Start². All these elements will ensure that a broad diversity perspective is brought to the Centers including the possibility of schools adopting these practices, institutionalizing strategies, programs, and seeking other funding.

Leveraging Resources and Partnerships to Support Project Start² Programming: In the design and conceptualization of Project Start², Texans Can and partners developed plans to leverage and coordinate resources in support of the program throughout the life of the grant. Texans Can and partners will bring multiple resources to the program (at no cost to the grant) which can be leveraged including, but not limited to, use of facilities and utilities, administrative and organizational support, staff time, educational resources, etc. Additionally, key service providers were strategically selected for their expertise and experience that increase the capacity of Project Start² campuses to continue offering services to students and that can be leveraged to support programming. Several providers have agreed to help sustain programming through in-kind contributions such as staff support, facility space, curriculum, educational and socioemotional learning materials, youth activity program designs, equipment, supplies, copies, snacks and other resources. External Funding Support: Texans Can's Development Team is well adept at raising millions of dollars to sustain its worthwhile and much needed programs and will commence extensive efforts to identify and secure grant funding from federal, state, and private resources, foundations, and corporations that can be utilized to support Project Start² when grant funding ends. Texans Can will also initiate an extensive donor campaign to secure funding from local businesses,

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philanthropists, and foundations. Texans Can and partners will continue to work toward sustainability throughout the life

of the grant so that when funding ends, Project Start2 can continue to serve students and families most in need.

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Statutory Requirement 10: Demonstrate how the proposed program will coordinate federal, state, and local programs and make the most effective use of public resources. In doing so, address how the program plans to supplement existing programs and services on the campus(es) to be served. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

<u>Coordination of Efforts for Effective Use of Resources</u>: Texans Can's general practices have always been to implement and sustain promising educational programs through the effective coordination of available resources. In doing so, Texans Can will coordinate public resources from federal, state, and local programs to supplement Project *Start*² and vice versa. As discussed, Texans Can's Board of Trustees and corporate and campus leadership strongly advocate for this project. As such, the charter is eager to coordinate efforts of its current programs and resources within Texans Can to supplement Project *Start*² as well as existing programs and services on participating campuses.

Texans Can receives federal funding through Title I, Title II, School Improvement, and IDEA grants, state general funds, and grants from private and local funding. Additionally, Texans Can currently receives state funding through TEA for an Educator Excellence Innovation Program (EEIP) and federal funding from the US Department of Education to support a Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) As part of these grants, the charter receives hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide a wide array of professional development for educators to expand their pedagogy in various academic areas and, in turn, improve overall student achievement and performance. Texans Can also receives federal funding from the US Department of Education through an Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program which supports high-quality programs designed to develop and improve literacy skills for children and students from birth through 12th grade in high-need local educational agencies and schools. Funding is designed to enhance youths' literacy skills development and increase student achievement. Private funding is also leveraged through Federal Express, Charity Ball Associates, Walmart, and Cars for Kids – Texans Can's highly successful 501c3 charity business enterprise. With profits from Cars for Kids, millions of dollars are obtained and, in turn, disseminated at each of the charter's campuses and made available to support much needed educational services and interventions. Cars for Kids is the only charity owned and operated car donation program through which 100% of the NET proceeds go directly back to their schools, students, parents, educators, and community.

During the planning stages and the development of the Project *Start*² design, the planning team, including key partners and stakeholders, assessed current funding streams to identify the most relevant funding sources that would be leveraged to add-value to the program while overall effectively benefitting the students and parents. The following resources were identified to support the coordination of public resources (Total Annual Leverage \$462,000):

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As determined during the strategizing phase, these resources will be allocated towards student and parent activities, administrative support, security, janitorial, support staff, teachers, facilities, utilities, classroom space, equipment, technology, supplies, library, computers, etc. To further ensure the most effective use of public resources. Project Start2 program administration will be located at the Texans Can corporate office in Dallas, under the division of federal, state, and local grants with the TIF, EEIP, and IAL programs described above. This configuration will not only maximize resources and services currently available for students and parents but will allow the Project Director to coordinate access to a variety of funding sources and partner organization services being provided at the participating campuses. All resources will supplement, not supplant local, state, or federal expenditures or activities. All participating Texans Can campuses will provide use of all its facilities, classrooms, and administrative services for participating teachers, students, parents, and staff at no-cost to the grant. Additionally, Texans Can's Chief of Schools, Human Resources, and Accounting Departments will provide oversight and support to the program at no cost to the grant. Further, with the exception of requested items delineated in the budget narrative, Texans Can participating campuses will provide items such as, but not limited to: computer labs, libraries, gymnasium, security and janitorial services, SMARTboards, math and science lab supplies, software, text books, etc. Key partners (Dallas County CC, Tarrant County CC) and service providers (Big Thought, City of Dallas & City of Fort Worth Parks & Recreation, Workforce Solutions, Fit and Faithful Living, Code Steam Studios, Texas A&M Agrilife, Wings for Women and Families, etc.) will also contribute curriculum, educational and socioemotional learning materials, youth activity program designs, equipment, supplies, snacks and other resources to support Project Start² activities that will be validated in a formal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) upon award of contract.

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TEA Program Requirement 2: Describe the proposed management, center operations, and corresponding budget plan. Explain how the plan will help meet the program objectives and student service targets. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Management Plan: Texans Can, as the lead and fiscal agent, has the sole responsibility of administering and managing the 21st CCLC grant. Texans Can, partners Dallas County CC and Tarrant County CC, and the eight (8) participating schools collectively pledge their commitment, personnel, resources, facilities, work space, and active participation to ensure Project Start2 is an integral part of its daily operations and administrative procedures. Texans Can will use its experience, leadership, and knowledge in the management of Project Start² and will incorporate all essential control functions and oversight to ensure effective implementation. These functions will include on-going planning, financial accountability, communications, reporting, information management, human resources, resource allocation, evaluation, and continuous improvement mechanisms. These functions will ensure delivery of accessible, quality, coordinated, ageappropriate, and culturally relevant instructional services to participants. Further, Texans Can will collaborate with internal federal, state, and local programs to maximize resources for the program. Project Start2 will fall under the oversight of Texan Can's Chief of Schools and will be directly supervised by a highly experienced, full-time Project Director, Ms. Mattie Richardson. Ms. Richardson has successfully overseen Texan Can's Cycle 8 ACE Program for the past five years and has over 17 years of experience managing federal and state educational programs including multi-center ACE programs and programs with budgets of this magnitude. The Chief of Schools and Project Director will provide the overall leadership and oversight to ensure high-quality programming is being provided to participants. Eight (8) Site Coordinators will be hired to coordinate and ensure high-quality project services are being implemented effectively at each center and regularly monitor centers onsite to personally witness interaction and review rosters. One (1) Family Engagement Specialist will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing culturally relevant family programming at each site. Teachers will be hired to deliver high-quality instruction to participating students that is aligned to classroom instruction. Paraprofessionals and tutors will also be hired to provide additional coaching, guidance, and support to students and parents. Program Monitoring and Communication: The Project Director will establish and utilize a timeline as a guide to ensure the timely implementation of program services and achievement of outcomes. To maintain accountability and to ensure the program is being effective and efficient, the Project Director will maintain a high level of open and clear communication and work closely with staff, educators, and stakeholders to ensure full implementation and oversight of program activities. The Project Director, Project Start² staff, and partners will meet monthly to review timeline, outcomes, and campus level data to quide effective decision-making and assess program progress, accomplishments, challenges, and areas needing immediate attention for program improvement. When milestones are not met, the teams will develop an action plan. Texans Can's ACE Advisory Council (AAC) will also provide guidance in Project Start2 operations and programming. To ensure diversity of perspectives, the AAC will meet monthly and play a critical role in the implementation, oversight, budgeting, coordination, evaluation, continuous improvement, and sustainability of Project Start2. Additionally, on a daily basis the Project Director will require email updates from staff, partners, and contracted service providers as to the progress, potential obstacles, lessons learned and to plan imminent activities. Professional Development: Texans Can will require Project Start² center-level staff, and educators to participate in regular year-round capacity building activities, including training and other opportunities offered by the Texas ACE® program, to continuously update their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and approaches. Center Operations: Project Start2 will be hosted at eight (8) Texans Can campuses/community learning centers throughout Dallas, Fort Worth, and Garland serving 975 students in grades 9-12 and 350 parents. Regular School Year Schedule: ACE Program services will be implemented for a minimum of 3 hours per day. Monday - Thursday and 3 hours on Saturday (15 hours per week) for 29 weeks during the regular school year. Project Start² regular school year activities will begin effective August 27, 2018, and will continue through the end of the school year on April 26, 2019. The program will not operate during school holidays, the Winter Break, or Spring Break. Summer Schedule: Project Start2 will also provide a Summer Learning Institute for 6 weeks from May 27, 2019 - July 5, 2019. The Summer Learning Institute will operate Monday - Thursday for 4 hours per day (16 hours per week). Budget Plan and Fiscal Monitoring: Texans Can developed the proposed budget plan in accordance with TEA's Texas 21st CCLC Program Guidelines. Texans Can and partners are requesting a reasonable amount of funding necessary to: 1) meet program objectives and student service targets and 2) meet grant requirements without exceeding the maximum amount allowed per budget component including grantee-level and center-level fixed costs and per student costs. Budget items are reasonable and necessary in order to carry out project objectives and activities. ACE funds will supplement, not supplant, programs and services provided with local or state funds. The Project Director will also work with Texan Can's Accounting Department to track and oversee project expenditures. This will include regular meetings with the Accounting Department to review actual expenditures against proposed costs and to implement program revisions when appropriate to maximize resources.

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TEA Program Requirement 3: Describe the proposed program evaluation plan, including a description of how program evaluation results will be used to improve program operations and quality. Response is limited to space provided, front side only. Use Arial font, no smaller than 10 point.

Project Evaluation: Evaluation of Project Start² will be conducted by an independent evaluator and will consist of both a formative and summative evaluation based on the processes outlined in the Texas ACE Blueprint. Each year, formative evaluation will focus on addressing whether or not project activities are being implemented as planned and whether the project is making progress toward achieving Texas ACE objectives to improve the following: 1) Academic Performance; 2) School Day Attendance; 3) Positive Behavior; 4) Grade Promotion Rates; and 5) Graduation Rate. Formative data will be useful in analyzing current data, learning materials, student learning achievements, and effectiveness of program activities and services. In addition to the performance measures referenced above, a summative evaluation will determine whether or not Project Start² brings about the following impacts: increased utilization of school sites beyond "normal" school hours in a safe environment; reduced numbers of unsupervised children in afternoons, on weekends and in the summer; reduced actual and/or potential numbers of students engaging in drug abuse activities, and in juvenile crime, and disciplinary incidents; raised student academic skill levels and performance on standardized tests (STAAR) through aggressive on-going student recruitment and intentional well-planned activities with the day campus teachers, counselors, and administration that target student academic needs; and increased parental involvement. Annual evaluation data will be compared to baseline data for each performance measure.

Data Collection: The evaluator will assess program effectiveness by collecting both program-level data and student-level data. A variety of methods will be used to gather both qualitative and quantitative data for the formative and summative evaluation (in compliance with FERPA) including: 1) annual stakeholder surveys of participating students, parents, teachers, project staff, partners, and contractual alliances at each center containing both closed-ended items and openended questions (annually); 2) participation logs at each center (daily); 3) activity logs of all activities at each center (weekly); 4) types of student programs, teachers' professional development activities, and adult training activities [topics, frequency, participation rates, and competencies gained of each participant] (weekly); 5) number of students and parents served at each center (weekly); 6) comparison of pre-post records of participating students' performance in reference to attendance patterns, course grades, graduation rates, grade promotion, internal behavioral and disciplinary actions, and dropout or transfer rates (monthly and semi-annually); 7) formal and informal observations by project staff, teachers, partners, and school administrators (quarterly); 8) type of curriculum utilized (weekly); and 9) other related program data to measure performance targets (monthly). The evaluator will also assess program effectiveness on student achievement results by analyzing student-level academic data including, but not limited to: student grades; annual STAAR-EOC results; Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) results; graduation/promotion records; etc. Pre- and post-program surveys will be administered to classroom teachers, students, and parents to collect baseline data (pre-survey) compared to postprogram results, assessing the extent to which activities were successful in achieving proposed performance measures. The evaluation design will also solicit community, partner, staff, teachers, student/parent feedback through coordinated surveys, focus groups, and formal interviews to solicit additional feedback and recommendations. The evaluator will analyze data on a quarterly basis to assess program strengths and weaknesses and recommend program modifications to enhance services, as needed. Annual evaluation data will be compared to baseline data for each performance measure. Using program evaluation results to improve program operations and quality: Texans Can and Project Start² staff will use evaluation findings to refine, improve, and strengthen the program. The evaluator will analyze data on a quarterly basis to yield timely feedback to Site Coordinators and the Project Director as a resource in data-driven decision-making. Ongoing formative evaluation will ensure each Center effectively achieves its goals and measurable objectives in a timely manner. When problems or issues are identified, the evaluator will immediately meet with the Project Director, Site Coordinators, and Principals to discuss recommendations and develop a formal plan of action to resolve or alter the service delivery for continuous improvement. The evaluator will conduct quarterly reviews and produce reports for Texans Can Administrators (Chief of Schools, Principals) and ACE Program staff (Project Director, Site Coordinators) Evaluation data, reports, and evaluator recommendations will be used by Project Director to support future data-driven program decisions. Adjustment of program plans to achieve program compliance: To further support continuous improvement and program compliance with Texas ACE objectives, the Project Director will meet with the ACE team weekly to assess weekly progress and challenges and solicit feedback, ideas, and input into program operation. In the event that deficiencies, issues, barriers, or problems are identified that may hinder program success or compliance, information will be shared between ACE Program staff and school administrators (Chief of Schools, Principals) and an action plan to address the areas will be developed. Changes will be documented and communicated to administrative staff, teachers, students, and parents through emails, hard copy letters/memos, and/or announcements at ACE Program activities.

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| | Schedule #18—Equitable Access and Part | <u>icipation</u> | | | |
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| County | y-District Number or Vendor ID: 057804 Amenda | nent number (for | amendments | only): | |
| No Ba | rriers | | | | |
| # | No Barriers | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| 000 | The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups | | | | |
| Barrie | r: Gender-Specific Bias | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Gender-Specific Bias | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| A01 | Expand opportunities for historically underrepresented groups to fully participate | | | | |
| A02 | Provide staff development on eliminating gender bias | | \boxtimes | | |
| A03 | Ensure strategies and materials used with students do not promote gender bias | | | | |
| A04 | Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and effects of past discrimination on the basis of gender | the | | | |
| A05 | Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender | | | | |
| A06 | Ensure students and parents are fully informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program | | | × | |
| A99 | Other (specify) | | | | |
| Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| B01 | Provide program information/materials in home language | | | \boxtimes | |
| B02 | Provide interpreter/translator at program activities | | | \boxtimes | |
| B03 | Increase awareness and appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity through a variety of activities, publications, etc. | | | \boxtimes | |
| B04 | Communicate to students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries a appreciation of students' and families' linguistic and cultural backgroun | | | \boxtimes | |
| B05 | Develop/maintain community involvement/participation in program activities | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes | |
| B06 | Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for diverse populations | | | | |
| B07 | Ensure staff development is sensitive to cultural and linguistic difference and communicates an appreciation for diversity | es 🔲 | | \boxtimes | |
| B08 | Seek technical assistance from education service center, technical assistance center, Title I, Part A school support team, or other provider | . 🗆 | | | |
| B09 | Provide parenting training | | | \boxtimes | |
| B10 | Provide a parent/family center | | | | |
| B11 | Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in decision making | | | \boxtimes | |
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| Barrie | Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity (cont.) | | | | | |
| # Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity Studer | | | Teachers | Others | | |
| B12 | B12 Offer "flexible" opportunities for parent involvement including home learning activities and other activities that don't require parents to come to the school | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B13 | Provide child care for parents participating in school activities | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B14 | Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, and knowledge in school activities | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B15 | Provide adult education, including high school equivalency (HSE) and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B16 | Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B17 | Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B18 | Coordinate with community centers/programs | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B19 | Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institutions of higher education | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes | | |
| B20 | Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and the effects of past discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color | | | | | |
| B21 Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color | | | | | | |
| B22 Ensure students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries are informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program | | | | \boxtimes | | |
| B23 | Provide mediation training on a regular basis to assist in resolving disputes and complaints | | | | | |
| B99 | Other (specify) | | | | | |
| Barrie | r: Gang-Related Activities | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Gang-Related Activities | Students | Teachers | Others | | |
| C01 | Provide early intervention | | | | | |
| C02 | Provide counseling | | | | | |
| C03 | Conduct home visits by staff | × | | \boxtimes | | |
| C04 | Provide flexibility in scheduling activities | | \boxtimes | \boxtimes | | |
| C05 | Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting gang-free communities | | | \boxtimes | | |
| C06 | Provide mentor program | | | | | |
| C07 | Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes | | |
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| Barrie | r: Gang-Related Activities (cont.) | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Gang-Related Activities | | Students | Teachers | Others |
| C08 | Provide community service programs/activities | | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| C09 | Conduct parent/teacher conferences | | | | \boxtimes |
| C10 | Strengthen school/parent compacts | | | | \boxtimes |
| C11 | Establish collaborations with law enforcement agencies | | | | |
| C12 | | | \boxtimes | | |
| C13 | Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution | | | \boxtimes | \boxtimes |
| C14 | Provide training/information to teachers, school staff, and paren with gang-related issues | ts to deal | | | \boxtimes |
| C99 | Other (specify) | | | | |
| Barrie | r: Drug-Related Activities | "Teranou | | | |
| # | Strategies for Drug-Related Activities | | Students | Teachers | Others |
| D01 | Provide early identification/intervention | | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| D02 | Provide counseling | | | | |
| D03 | Conduct home visits by staff | | | | \boxtimes |
| D04 | Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting drug-free schools and communities | | \boxtimes | | |
| D05 | Provide mentor program | | \boxtimes | | |
| D06 | Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities | | | | |
| D07 | Provide community service programs/activities | | \boxtimes | | |
| D08 | Provide comprehensive health education programs | | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| D09 | Conduct parent/teacher conferences | | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| D10 | Establish school/parent compacts | | | | \boxtimes |
| D11 | Develop/maintain community collaborations | | \boxtimes | \boxtimes | \boxtimes |
| D12 | Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs | | \boxtimes | | |
| D13 | Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institutingher education | tions of | | | |
| D14 | Provide training/information to teachers, school staff, and paren with drug-related issues | ts to deal | | | |
| D99 | Other (specify) | | | | |
| Barrier | : Visual Impairments | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Visual Impairments | | Students | Teachers | Others |
| E01 | Provide early identification and intervention | | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| E02 | Provide program materials/information in Braille | | | | |
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| Barrie | r: Visual Impairments | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Visual Impairments | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| E03 | Provide program materials/information in large type | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes | |
| E04 | Provide program materials/information in digital/audio formats | | | \boxtimes | |
| E05 | Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for visual impairment | | | | |
| E06 | Provide training for parents | | | | |
| E07 | Format materials/information published on the internet for ADA accessibility | \boxtimes | | Ø | |
| E99 | Other (specify) | | | | |
| Barrie | r: Hearing Impairments | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Hearing Impairments | | | | |
| F01 | Provide early identification and intervention | | | \boxtimes | |
| F02 | Provide interpreters at program activities | | | \boxtimes | |
| F03 | Provide captioned video material | | | | |
| F04 | Provide program materials and information in visual format | | | | |
| F05 | Use communication technology, such as TDD/relay | | | \boxtimes | |
| F06 | Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for hearing impairment | | | | |
| F07 | Provide training for parents | | | \boxtimes | |
| F99 | 9 Other (specify) | | | | |
| Barrie | r: Learning Disabilities | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Learning Disabilities | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| G01 | Provide early identification and intervention | | | \boxtimes | |
| G02 | Expand tutorial/mentor programs | | | | |
| G03 | Provide staff development in identification practices and effective teaching strategies | | \boxtimes | | |
| G04 | Provide training for parents in early identification and intervention | | | | |
| G99 | Other (specify) | | | | |
| Barrie | Barrier: Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| H01 | Develop and implement a plan to achieve full participation by students with other physical disabilities or constraints | | | | |
| H02 | Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies | | | | |
| H03 | Provide training for parents | | | \boxtimes | |
| H99 | Other (specify) | | | | |
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| Barrie | r: Inaccessible Physical Structures | | | |
| # | Strategies for Inaccessible Physical Structures | Students | Teachers | Others |
| J01 | J01 Develop and implement a plan to achieve full participation by students with other physical disabilities/constraints | | | |
| J02 | Ensure all physical structures are accessible | | | \boxtimes |
| J99 | Other (specify) | | | |
| Barrie | r: Absenteeism/Truancy | | | |
| # | Strategies for Absenteeism/Truancy | Students | Teachers | Others |
| K01 | Provide early identification/intervention | | | \boxtimes |
| K02 | Develop and implement a truancy intervention plan | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| K03 | Conduct home visits by staff | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| K04 | Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting school attendance | | | \boxtimes |
| K05 | Provide mentor program | \boxtimes | | |
| K06 | Provide before/after school recreational or educational activities | | | \boxtimes |
| K07 | Conduct parent/teacher conferences | | | \boxtimes |
| K08 | Strengthen school/parent compacts | | | \boxtimes |
| K09 | K09 Develop/maintain community collaborations | | \boxtimes | \boxtimes |
| K10 | K10 Coordinate with health and social services agencies | | | \boxtimes |
| K11 | K11 Coordinate with the juvenile justice system | | | |
| K12 | Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institutions of higher education | | | \boxtimes |
| K99 | Other (specify) | | | |
| Barrie | r: High Mobility Rates | | | |
| # | Strategies for High Mobility Rates | Students | Teachers | Others |
| L01 | Coordinate with social services agencies | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| L02 | Establish collaborations with parents of highly mobile families | | | \boxtimes |
| L03 | Establish/maintain timely record transfer system | \boxtimes | | |
| L99 | Other (specify) | | | |
| Barrie | r: Lack of Support from Parents | | | |
| # | Strategies for Lack of Support from Parents | Students | Teachers | Others |
| M01 | Develop and implement a plan to increase support from parents | | | |
| M02 | Conduct home visits by staff | | | \boxtimes |

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| Barrie | Barrier: Lack of Support from Parents (cont.) | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Lack of Support from Parents | | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| M03 | Recruit volunteers to actively participate in school activities | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M04 | Conduct parent/teacher conferences | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M05 | Establish school/parent compacts | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M06 | Provide parenting training | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M07 | Provide a parent/family center | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M08 | Provide program materials/information in home language | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M09 | Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in school decision mak | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M10 | Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school | | | | | |
| M11 | Provide child care for parents participating in school activities | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M12 | Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, and knowledge in school activities | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M13 | Provide adult education, including HSE and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program | | | | | |
| M14 | Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents | | | | \boxtimes | |
| M15 | Facilitate school health advisory councils four times a year | | | | | |
| M99 | M99 Other (specify) | | | | | |
| Barrie | r: Shortage of Qualified Personnel | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Shortage of Qualified Personnel | | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| N01 | Develop and implement a plan to recruit and retain qualified personne | | | \boxtimes | | |
| N02 | Recruit and retain personnel from a variety of racial, ethnic, and languminority groups | ıage | | \boxtimes | | |
| N03 | Provide mentor program for new personnel | | | \boxtimes | | |
| N04 | Provide intern program for new personnel | | | \boxtimes | | |
| N05 | Provide an induction program for new personnel | | | \boxtimes | | |
| N06 | Provide professional development in a variety of formats for personne | el | | \boxtimes | | |
| N07 | Collaborate with colleges/universities with teacher preparation progra | ms | | | | |
| N99 | 9 Other (specify) | | | | | |
| Barrier | Barrier: Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefit | S | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| P01 | Develop and implement a plan to inform program beneficiaries of program activities and benefits | | | | \boxtimes | |
| P02 | Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activi and benefits | ties | | | \boxtimes | |
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| Barrie | r: Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits (cont.) | | | |
| # | Strategies for Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits | Students | Teachers | Others |
| P03 | Provide announcements to local radio stations, newspapers, and appropriate electronic media about program activities/benefits | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| P99 | Other (specify) | | | |
| Barrie | r: Lack of Transportation to Program Activities | | | |
| # | Strategies for Lack of Transportation | Students | Teachers | Others |
| Q01 | Provide transportation for parents and other program beneficiaries to activities | \boxtimes | | |
| Q02 | Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school | | | |
| Q03 | Conduct program activities in community centers and other neighborhood locations | \boxtimes | | \boxtimes |
| Q99 | Other (specify) | | | |
| Barrie | r: Other Barriers | | 7 7 7 8 | |
| # | Strategies for Other Barriers | Students | Teachers | Others |
| 700 | Other barrier | | | |
| Z99 | Other strategy | ļ | | ! LJ |
| Z 99 | Other barrier | | | |
| 233 | Other strategy | | | |
| Z 99 | Other barrier | | | |
| 299 | Other strategy | | | |
| Z99 | Other barrier | | | |
| 299 | Other strategy | | | |
| Z99 | Other barrier | | | |
| 299 | Other strategy | | | |
| 700 | Other barrier | | | |
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| Schedule #19—Private Nonprofit School Participation | | | | | |
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| Coun | county-District Number or Vendor ID: 057804 Amendment number (for amendments only): | | | nly): | |
| Important Note: All applicants (except open-enrollment charter schools and private nonprofit schools) must complete this schedule regardless of whether any private nonprofit schools are participating in the program. Failure to complete this schedule will result in an applicant being disqualified. | | | | | |
| Questions | | | | | |
| 1. | Are any private nonprofit schools located within the attendance be served by the grant? | e area of the public schools to | ☐ Yes | □ No | |
| If your answer to this question is yes you must answer question #2 below. | | | | | |
| If your answer to this questions is no, you do not address question #2 or the assurances below. | | | | | |
| 2. | 2. Are any private nonprofit schools participating in the grant? | | | | |
| If your answer to this question is yes, you must read and check the box next to each of the assurances below. If your answer to this question is no, you do not address the assurances below. | | | | | |
| Assurances | | | | | |
| | The applicant assures that it discussed all consultation requirements as listed in Section 1117(b)(1), and/or Section 8501(c)(1), as applicable with all eligible private nonprofit schools. | | | | |
| | The applicant assures the appropriate Affirmations of Consultation will be provided to the TEA Private Schools Ombudsman in the manner and timeline to be requested. | | | | |
| | The applicant assures that the total grant award requested on Schedule #6–Program Budget Summary includes any funding necessary to serve eligible students from private nonprofit schools within the attendance area of the public schools to be served by the grant. | | | | |
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